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Dear Don,

With regard to your memorandum of 2 June 1959, all of us welcome your enthusiastic reaction to assignment in the Guided Missile Branch. I agree that the experience you have gained at the [REDACTED] will be of value in your new assignment.

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The Guided Missile Branch has an active orientation and training program in which I myself participated several months ago. The particular instance I have in mind was a series of production facility orientation visits to missile fabrication and propulsion system manufacturing plants, mostly on the West Coast. We also visited Vandenberg Air Force Base, which is the center of ICBM and IRBM crew training in the U.S. Your preliminary orientation in the Guided Missile Branch will undoubtedly consist principally of familiarization with the guided missile field and missile intelligence problems. This will be accomplished primarily on the job, but there will also be opportunities to attend special briefings and to participate in orientation visits to guided missile installations in the U.S. In addition to this, there are a number of formal training courses which Guided Missile Branch personnel attend from time to time. You may expect to be selected for attendance at such courses as the Guided Missile and Weapons Employment Familiarization Course at Fort Bliss, Texas or the Ballistic Missile Familiarization Course at Ballistic Missile Division/ARDC, Los Angeles, California. There are, as you may guess, a number of other courses as well.

I trust the above will answer any questions you have with respect to orientation and training until September, when I look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

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